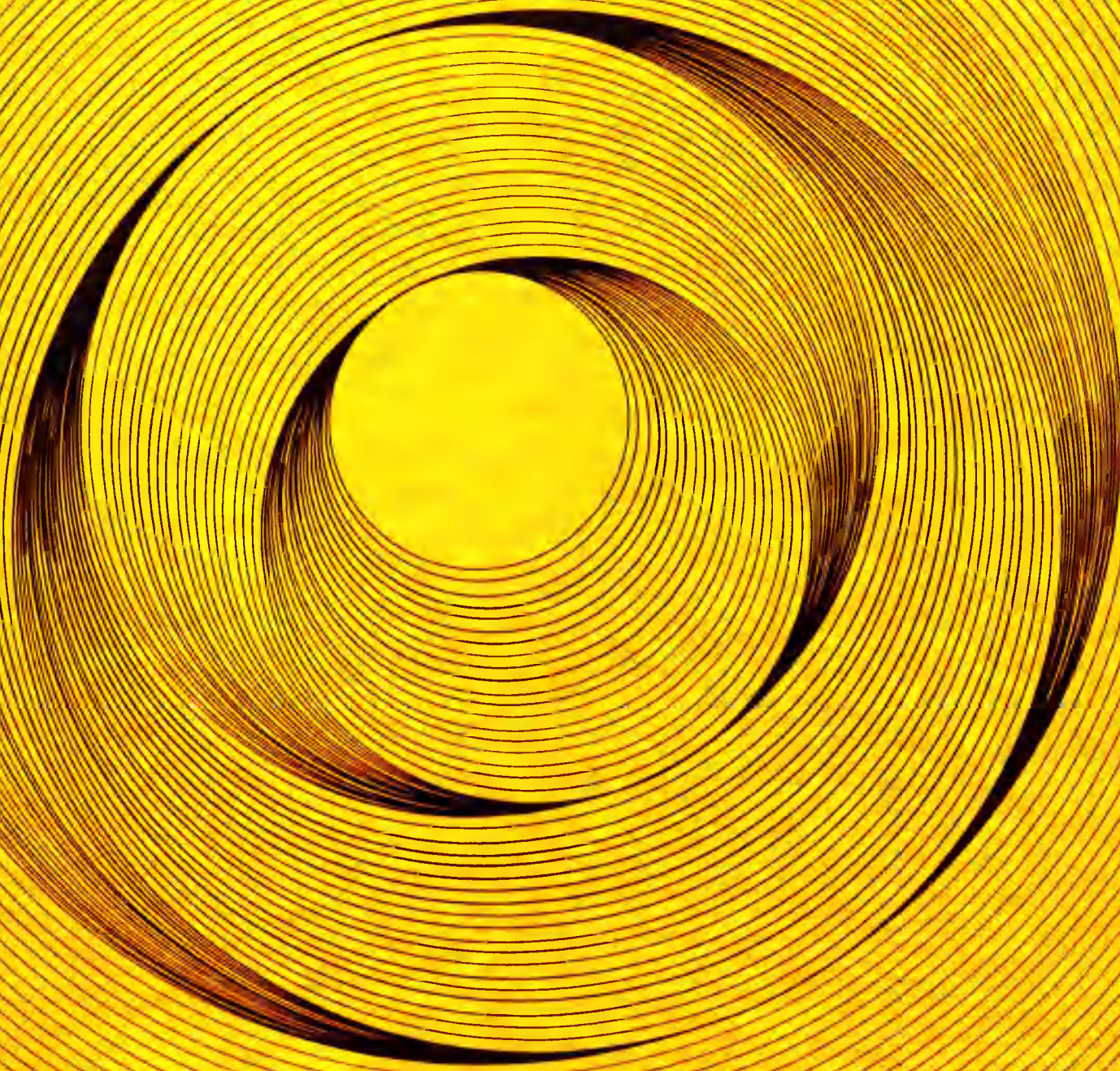


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AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We are living in an age of mobility. Never before in known history has mankind had the capacity to move about over great distances with so much comfort and ease. How does this ease of mobility affect the ministry?

Recently someone compared the placement activities of the Association of Unity Churches with the game of musical chairs. Should we objectively examine the movement of ministers within our Movement, a need for reappraisal and evaluation would be evident.

How do we distinguish between the activity of Spirit and irresponsible behavior on the part of a minister or a Board? Do we indeed play games of mobility due to the difference between where we think we are in consciousness, and where we really are as shown by our "fruits" or results?

It is said that any organization is but the extended shadow of its leader. The character, direction and effectiveness of a church is reflective of the character, direction and effectiveness of its minister. When things are going well for us, it is easy to accept this Truth. When things are not going well, it is rather distressing to consider. Yet, if we believe that life is consciousness, then it follows that a minister can take a ministry in growth, effectiveness and strength only to the extent of his personal unfoldment in that direction. The group consciousness will



Joyce Kramer

reflect the individual consciousness. Self-improvement on the part of the minister means improvement on the part of his church.

Could it be that there are times when the answer is growth instead of a change in placement? In all of life, the weak wait for opportunities or look for them on the other side of the fence; the strong make their own opportunities wherever they are. The weak run from problems only to keep finding them wherever they go; the strong grow stronger by overcoming them before moving on.

Where does persistence and perseverance fit in? Just as persistent prayer is often needful in order to make a demon-

stration of Truth, so is consistent effort and work needed to breakthrough into success and effectiveness in a ministry.


There are times when the movement on the part of a minister is very good. A change may be a part of the progressive movement of both the minister and the ministry. However, Spirit never guides one into irresponsible action. Spirit doesn't inspire movement as an escape from overcoming obstacles, or for neglecting personal growth. A move should be made only when we have set things right where we are.

How many ministers have become involved in a large building program, only to leave the pressures of paying for it for the Board and the incoming minister? The right timing and circumstances of a change are more important than the change itself. Courage and determination may be needed to put things right first, yet according to the laws of consciousness this is essential. If we are contemplating leaving where we are, then we should determine to leave the following: success instead of failure; harmony and order instead of discord and confusion; prosperity and not lack; completed projects rather than incomplete ones. Be willing to have your effectiveness judged by the work that you leave behind, for it will stand as living testimony to the state of your consciousness.

Sincerely,

Joyce Kramer

Wedding Bells

A decorative illustration of two wedding bells. One bell is larger and in the foreground, with a ribbon tied around its handle. The other bell is smaller and behind it. The bells are ornate with a classic design.

John Strickland, minister of Unity of Santa Rosa, California, and Connie Fillmore, former employee of the Editorial Department of Unity School were united in matrimony on December 24, 1976. The wedding ceremony was conducted at Unity Village by Roger Tiffany, minister of Unity of Joplin, Missouri.

We know each member of the AUC joins in sending best wishes to John and Connie.

SERMON PREPARATION IDEA

Marjorie Hartzell, retired associate minister of Unity Temple of Truth, Cincinnati, Ohio, would like to share with you an excerpt from Elton Trueblood's autobiography, *While It Is Day*, on how to prepare a sermon. "During the winter of 1918, when I had abundant time to read on my own, Professor Edgar Stranahan of Penn College came to Indianola and gave a short course which I attended. From him I learned the best common sense that I have ever heard on how to prepare a speech or an essay. He advised starting with a large piece of paper and putting down as rapidly as possible, with no effort at order, every available idea on the subject under consideration. He said wisely that since the ideas, once listed, will soon begin to arrange themselves in some useful order, it is not necessary to begin with an outline. Ultimately, he said, the order is of paramount importance, but there must be content before there is form. The wisdom of this teaching has been verified countless times in my own experience."

Planning Ahead

This is the second article in a series written especially for CONTACT by several retired Unity ministers. The authors have met this experience in life with particular dignity and love. Their comments offer valuable food for thought and inspiration to us all. Through this series we shall hear from Marion Brown, Eleonore Krafft, Georgianna Tree West, Mabel Donaldson, Millie Leslie, Marie Handley, and Ernest C. Wilson. Additional authors are invited. **This month we welcome Eleonore Krafft from Jackson, Michigan; and Georgianna Tree West, who made her transition in the winter of 1974.**



There comes a time in every minister's life when he realizes that he is not as effective as he should be, and lets go of full-time church service.

Feeling that our new minister would be more effective without me around, I visited my family in Illinois for several months.

On returning to Michigan, our minister urged me to help with the Healing Ministry and hospital work. As this was my great interest and love, I reconsidered and am now actively assisting in this capacity and am in charge when our minister is away.

In regard to finances, I had supported the Emeritus Fund from the beginning and our minister and the church now carry an insurance policy for his retirement. God is the source, and we have free access to all that He is and has, but how we use what we know and love makes the difference.

A Unity minister does not really retire, he simply uses his faculties in more concentrated fields. This allows for more leisure, travel, and family.

It has been possible to work in harmony with our minister, because he wanted me, and I was cooperative with his ideas.

I trained for the ministry under Georgianna Tree West and kept in touch with her. The following is an excerpt from a letter I received from her and an article which she wrote that appeared in the September, 1967 issue of Weekly Unity when I was thinking about retiring.

Blessings,

Eleonore Krafft

"I remember I prepared myself for retirement when the idea first occurred to me by taking it into daily meditation in the following way —

'I am God's receptive and obedient child.

I do those things which His loving wisdom prompts me to do.

Old thoughts and old conditions are as waters that have passed away — Behold! all things are now made new!'



"After a year or so of this type of meditation everything suddenly fell beautifully into line — the complete change in my life was made easily and simply."

In every life that is lived to the full there comes a period of lessening activity, a releasing of many responsibilities, a complete change of pace—this is the retirement period.

The word retirement needs clarifying. To many it means being "put on the shelf" or, to use another simile, getting out of the swift-flowing river of life and being pushed into the backwaters to mark time until the end of this earthly experience.

Rightly understood, however, retirement is simply another phase of life—as natural as infancy, childhood, and maturity. It is a well-earned freedom to continue to enjoy life by developing new interests. It offers time to serve in charitable and philanthropic organizations that are always needing volunteer help. Through serving in various agencies one can literally obey the command to feed the hungry and care for the sick.

In retirement there is both time and opportunity for developing hidden talents; time for painting, ceramics, music (continued on page 4)

PERSON TO PERSON

with
bob sikking



One of the most gratifying tasks that I have as your representative in the Executive Office is this brief time that we spend together through PERSON TO PERSON. As I sit here at my desk and look out the window, the snow is still very deep. This morning it was necessary for me to spend a good ten minutes scraping ice off of my car in order to be able to see out. The news reports on radio, television, and in the paper have been filled with items about the weather all over the country. Buffalo, New York, with its many feet of snow, the frozen drought conditions in the Dakotas, and the lack of skiing snow in the Rockies have been "hot items" of news for weeks. Before our prayer time at 8:00

each morning in the AUC office, the greatest item of conversation over the past weeks has been the weather. Each one of us tries to out-do the other with the wildest stories about cars in the ditch, slick roads, and frozen pipes. This year, perhaps more than in many recent ones, the old adage that "everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it" has been most fitting.

My last PERSON TO PERSON, as you will recall, dealt with our financial position in the AUC. That was followed almost immediately by Joyce Kramer's letter and the enclosure of the information regarding how our money is spent through AUC. The response has been most interesting. A lot of us are talking a great deal about the financial position of our Movement and that's healthy. It's healthy so long as we don't deal with it the same way that people tend to deal with the weather.

As we give thought to the bitterness of north winds, the treachery of icy walks and streets, we can take comfort in the realization that spring is just around the corner. These pruned trees just outside

my office window will most assuredly blossom forth in a very few weeks. The lawns will green up, the roses will bud, and before too many months we will begin to wonder when they're going to turn the air conditioning on.

It's been valuable for us in our AUC to be made aware of our financial position in order that we might deal with it in an intelligent way. We continue to hold to the Truth for you see the spring of our fiscal position is just around the corner. We're going to have what we need to accomplish the goals that are important to us as a Movement. We're going to move forward from strength to strength and behold the exciting growth that in the infinite wisdom of the Father is His will for us. The faith that has made Unity great is still ours and we can re-echo the thought and the words of Myrtle Fillmore when a co-worker suggested to her the need to pray that the money would hold out. You'll remember that her admonition was that it would be better to pray that our faith holds out. It did and it will for Unity, the Association of Unity Churches, and your ministry for it's bigger than any one of us or all of us.

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appreciation, and many other activities. New friends are made; consequently a new social life develops. All this makes for interesting living, but the greatest joy and satisfaction to be found in retirement lies in having more time for further spiritual development, more time for prayerful meditation.

The question of finances always arises when considering retirement. According to Jesus's teaching there is always ample provision for every need: "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." "According to your faith be it done unto you." However, in establishing permanent prosperity it is necessary to learn to use wisely that which faith demonstrates. We must be sufficiently receptive to divine guidance to use our Father's bounty in ways that not only satisfy present needs but also prepares us for nonearning years.

One should be able to live comfortably on 80 percent of the average income, after tithing ten percent and saving ten percent. Special savings can be invested in ways that seem wise after prayerful con-

sideration. Savings produce interest; and investments pay dividends which, when added to savings, can always be reinvested. Usually this type of thrift forms a substantial part of retirement income.

Having accepted retirement as a natural, normal phase of life, a person's next question is "When should I retire?"

While retirement at the age of 65 is obligatory in certain fields of work fortunately there is no age limit in other fields. Some of our greatest scientists, educators, statesmen, physicians, artists, and musicians have continued doing excellent work after the so-called retirement age. Many of those who have been forced to retire at 65 have found part-time work in other fields that has enable them to continue using their skills.

Since man is made in "the image and likeness of God," he is a creative being, functioning normally only when using his inherent abilities to the advantage of himself and others. It has been well said that service is the price we pay for the space we occupy, and the retirement years offer both time and opportunity to contribute something of value to other lives.

The age of retirement for the individual should depend on his own good judgment. When he realizes that his daily routine is becoming a burden and he is no longer getting satisfactory results, it is time to think of making a change. There is no growth without change, and retirement should be looked upon as a stage of growth in which there is more leisure for finding new interests.

Since this article on retirement is to appear in a Unity publication, my own retirement from the Unity ministry may be of interest to many readers. I was over 70 when I awakened to the fact that time would come when it would be best for the congregation—and for me—to have a change. So I began praying daily that at the right time and in the right way my successor would be revealed. After several years of prayerful expectation, I found the minister who, with the approval of Unity School, was to succeed me.

A change of ministry should be made with the least possible disruption of the work. The first step was to win the approval of the board of directors. I (continued on page 6)

THINKING EXPANSIVELY

with R. Scott Sherman

This column indicates not only the expansion efforts of the AUC Outreach Program led by its author in the Chicago area, but will regularly report other expansion projects by any member ministry. If you have an expansion project or idea, please write:

R. Scott Sherman
AUC Outreach Director
622 Cress Creek Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

In addition to the ministries already operating full-time from the efforts of direct Outreach involvement, our AUC Outreach program has begun to serve other developing ministries and study groups in the mid-west and at a distance from our original Northern Illinois base. It is clear to me and members of the Outreach Development Committee that through proper cooperation and coordi-

nation literally dozens of developing ministries can be and are assisted through the experience we are developing.

For example, the **Evansville, Indiana** study group previously supported by **Frank Hanson** of Louisville is now establishing a program toward full-time ministry status. I have been able to establish a cooperative effort between St. Louis area ministers, **Charles Roth** of Indianapolis and the local steering committee of Evansville. We plan to continue to conduct Sunday evening classes for a few more months and then move toward a Sunday morning ministry as soon as an appropriate location can be found. There has been a great deal of interest in Youth Education expressed by Evansville people so an earlier Sunday a.m. meeting time is indicated.

Early in February exploratory meetings were held in **Champaign/Urbana,**

Illinois, which is located about 110 miles south of Chicago. Our Outreach study and letters to Unity School and AUC suggest quite a potential interest in a Unity ministry or study group here.

Outreach initiated activities in **Salt Lake City** continue to look promising for a full-time ministry here soon.

Appointment of a steering committee in **Crystal Lake, Illinois**, marks this group's movement towards a decision about full-time ministry status. Presently a Tuesday night class is attended by an average of thirty persons.

In addition to these we are now working with over two dozen other ministries or study groups who have requested assistance in one way or another. While we certainly do not claim any credit for developing these groups, it is particularly gratifying to be able to say "yes we can help" when requests come to the AUC. This is your program; as it evolves we hope that it serves literally thousands of new Unity people in dozens of locations in North America

TAX PLANNING

By Robert Owens, AUC Accounting Consultant

If you use your automobile for business purposes, you are entitled to an income tax deduction. There exist two methods of computing this deduction and a taxpayer may adopt the method that he finds to be the most advantageous. Against these deductible expenses, however, you must offset automobile allowances or reimbursements received from your church.

You may deduct the actual expenses for operation of the automobile together with a reasonable allowance for depreciation. This method, however, requires that the expenses and depreciation be apportioned between business and personal use of the automobile.

The optional method of computation allows you to use a standard mileage rate of fifteen (15) cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles of business use and ten (10) cents a mile for each additional mile of business use.

To substantiate deductible automobile expenses you must keep detailed records of these expenses and the business miles traveled. Your business travel log must also indicate the business reason for your travel, your destination, the date and the distance traveled. Remember that the mileage traveled between your home and your principal place of business (your office) is personal and cannot be deducted for tax purposes.

Automobile expenses should properly be reported on Form 2106. Additional information may be found in the instructions which accompany this form.

Y.O.U./Y.A.U. REPORTS. . . . By Donald Knight

Youth of Unity Report — It's time to once again focus upon the annual Y.O.U. Conference. Soon the chapter quotas will be sent out to select conference delegates. Again we urge you as center ministers to send your most eligible YOU'ers to represent your respective ministries. This year's theme, "ODYSSEY, The Mystical Journey," promises to be a stimulating, spiritual experience. Conference dates are: August 15-21. We deeply appreciate all your efforts and loving support that you give to help our young people grow and develop during their teens.

Young Adults of Unity Report — August 22-26 will be exciting, spiritually intensive days, tailored specifically to young adult needs. Alert your young adults to mark their calendar. The Y.A. Research Committee is formulating a Guide Book to assist centers in developing Y.A. groups. We are eager to have as many sample activities as possible to consider within the following format: Purpose, duration, preparation (materials), evaluation, etc. All submissions to be sent to **David Monument, Unity Church of Peoria, 3127 N. Avalon Place, Peoria, Illinois 61604.**

IN MEMORIAM

Samuel Acosta, a licensed teacher, made his transition on January 26, 1977. Licensed in July, 1976, Samuel served as a teacher in Santo Domingo. We extend special blessings of love and Godspeed to Samuel in his eternal ongoing.

Omer A. Hodgman, a retired Unity minister, made his transition on January 27, 1977, in Portland, Maine, where he served from 1946 to 1949. We know each member of the AUC joins in thought and prayer as we bless Omer in his spiritual ongoing.

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asked the members to take into prayerful consideration the future of the Unity center and the recommendation made by me and by Unity School. Next I met with the teachers and workers and told them of my plan. I stressed the importance of their being loyal and cooperating with the new minister. Then I called a membership meeting. At this meeting the plan was fully discussed and voted on.

Finally, the change was announced at a Sunday service. In the letter, the platform announcement, and in the meetings the fact was emphasized that any devotion felt for my ministry could best be expressed through loyalty and devotion to the new ministry.

After helping the new minister to get settled, I left New York City. I was able to leave, because I owned no property and had no family there. Had the situation been different, I would have embarked on a long vacation of several months—as some of our wise retired ministers have done—so as to give the board of directors, the workers, and the congregation time to adjust to the new minister and whatever changes seemed advisable. There would undoubtedly be changes, and there are always some who resist them because they have not learned that without change there can be no growth.

Changes brought about in a new

ministry should always be given a chance to work out; if the change is unwise it will become apparent and a readjustment can be made. The minister emeritus should use influence only in behalf of the functioning minister or act only on the request of the Association of Unity Churches, should the ministry be proving unsatisfactory.

Since retiring I feel that I still have an active responsibility for the center and the new ministry—the responsibility of daily prayer. I have also discovered that wherever I am I find new and interesting ways of spreading the Unity ideals; oftentimes without the Unity label!

Every retired person would be wise to keep an active interest in his own particular field of service, whether it be the field of education, business, art, music, or manual labor. A wealth of past experience can often be of great value in an advisory capacity; also, keeping well informed concerning the progress being made in one's own area of work keeps one mentally alert.

In the light of understanding retirement years are a natural, normal stage of growth in the life of the individual; a stage in which the values of past experience can be turned to good account in new avenues of productivity and service to God and man—truly, as Browning says, "The last of life for which the first was made!"

Blessings,

Georgianna Tree West

COLOR KEY SONGBOOKS

There has been some misunderstanding concerning our last item regarding the Color Key Songbooks. The songbook will not be printed unless there is sufficient interest. We do not have them available for ordering—therefore, if you are interested, please let us know and give some indication as to how many you would need.



TEACHING TEXTS FOR LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION

The following books are the ones U.I.C.E. students need to teach to qualify for Licensed Teacher Recognition as approved by the Board of Trustees of the AUC.

Atom-Smashing Power of Mind
Be Ye Transformed
Both Riches and Honor
Christ Enthroned in Man
Christian Healing
Discover the Power Within You
Emerging Self, The
Foundations of Unity, I
Foundations of Unity, II
Great Physician, The
Healing Now
How I Used Truth
How To Let God Help You
Jesus Christ Heals
Keep a True Lent
Know Thyself
Lessons in Truth
Let There Be Light
Mind: The Master Power
Myrtle Fillmore's Healing Letters
Mysteries of Genesis
Mysteries of John
Open Your Mind to Prosperity
Practical Christianity For You
Prosperity
Prosperity Now
Talks on Truth
Teach Us To Pray
Twelve Powers of Man
What Are You?
Working With God
You Can Be Healed
Your Hope of Glory

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of General Fund Operations Ten Months Ended 1/31/77

INCOME—OPERATIONS:

	Jan.	Year to Date
Love Offerings	\$33,878.61	\$308,799.37
Other Income	2,908.25	30,626.71
	<u>36,786.86</u>	<u>339,426.08</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,387.86	30,879.93
Gross Profit Materials	3,108.18	18,377.38
Total Income	<u>36,507.18</u>	<u>326,923.53</u>

EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:

General Office	22,701.42	255,468.57
Education Department	9,497.11	96,439.01
Total Expenses	<u>32,198.53</u>	<u>351,907.58</u>

INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE:

\$ 4,308.65	\$ (24,984.05)
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"ACTIVITY OF SPIRIT"

Stan Hampson
Field Services
Coordinator

The Jim Berry cartoon on this page is one I found recently in the Los Angeles Times. Obviously there could well be some difficulty in the placement of Henry Kissinger. I'm glad he is not my concern. However, a concern that I do hear from many Boards of Directors is about the limited quality of resumes they receive about our ministers. It is difficult to believe that some ministers are serious about wanting to be placed when their resumes are very brief and unprofessional.

I've shared with you in previous articles in CONTACT my desire to constantly improve the facilitation of placement. Your regional representatives and I have evolved some definite steps to make our ministers' resumes more believable.

First of all, we have created a short application for placement that will give all the vital statistics about the minister. This will be filled in by any minister seeking placement. Quality reproductions will be made of it and sent to any church the minister requests to receive it. Additionally, I will ask each minister for at least six copies of a current photograph to be attached to these resumes. This will enable a Board of Directors to see what a prospective minister looks like and to get the vital statistics necessary.

To complete the package, I will ask each minister to write at least a page, if not longer, of a biographical sketch or resume essentially telling a Board of Directors what they most want them to know about themselves. I have prepared a sample resume to be sent to each min-

ister requesting placement along with a list of instructions to facilitate the preparation of this important avenue of introduction. Anyone who still has questions concerning it would naturally be able to contact me for more information. Additionally, professional help in writing resumes is available in most communities at a nominal cost through advertising agencies. The regional representatives were in agreement that because of the quality of the ministry and the caliber of ministers that we have serving in this important work, it is logical to utilize professional services to have top-notch resumes and lift our placement procedure to an increasingly professional activity.

Naturally, no procedure is final and we may well have to adapt as we go. It would seem we could improve the activity of Spirit in placement by presenting a more professional image to Boards of Directors when they are in need of interviewing and eventually contracting a new minister. Every successful minister should have on hand current photographs for publicity purposes as well as press releases for their own church activities and for guest speaking. Therefore, a minister would not need to wait until the time of placement to have such a resume available and to have a relatively recent picture available. Hopefully, after Boards have made their final selection, the resumes and photographs will be returned to the AUC office where they could be utilized or up-dated in future times.

The need for information is a two way street and many ministers have expressed the need for more information about a prospective ministry.

Therefore, we've also devised a more comprehensive application from a center. This new application was created with the idea that not only would I have more detailed information about a ministry that is open, but the same application can be easily reproduced and sent to any minister wanting to see it. Then, whenever a minister goes to guest speak and try out, he would have with him up-to-date information.

My goal is that every minister who is seeking placement can know more about a prospective ministry and know that he knows. He should truly be able to "believe" that church's resume. Every Board of Directors looking for a minister expects to be well informed on the ministers who are available and they should be able to "believe this resume."



"Do you expect anybody to BELIEVE this resume?"

PLACEMENT

Each month in this column we have the joy of sharing with you the good news of completed placements. Since our last issue no new placement have been finalized, however a great deal of activity has been happening with several new openings and a number of ministers trying-out as candidate speakers. Let's give thanks that *"God is in charge of all Unity ministries and His Spirit draws appropriate leadership to each one right now."*



REGIONAL NEWS

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with G. Arthur Hammons:

Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank, served by **Jim Sims**, minister, recently celebrated its 30th birthday with special services and a festival held at the church. Assisting in the celebration were **Dell Powers**, minister of West Valley Unity Church in Reseda, California, and **Emily Olson Wheeler**, former teacher and charter member.



Pictured (left to right) are Mildred Haggerty, Co-founder of Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank, Rev. Jim Sims, minister, and Myrtle Quisenberry, Board member at the 30th Birthday Celebration of Unity of North Hollywood and Burbank.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with Candida Wright:

Unity of Reno, Nevada, announces that a larger site has been selected for its second annual Sierra Retreat. Plans now call for the retreat to be held at the beautiful WAYSTATION Resort at South Lake Tahoe September 9-11, 1977. A special bus service has been arranged for those wishing to arrive at the South Lake Tahoe Airport. The WAYSTATION is serenely located in California with the convention rooms overlooking Lake Tahoe, but providing close access to the entertainment centers of the South

Shore. **James Dillet Freeman**, **Billie Freeman**, and **Charles King** will be joining the ministers of Reno, **Jacklyn** and **Carlton Buboltz**, for a retreat that will combine recreation, rest, and inspiration. The Friday night activities will be highlighted by a 3½ hour twilight dinner cruise aboard the MS Dixie touring around Emerald Bay and Lake Tahoe. For information and reservations, contact **Unity of Reno, 2207 Kings Row, Reno, Nevada 89503.**



NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

Viola Siemen has retired and is living at Pocatello, Idaho. Her address is **1511 Eastridge, Pocatello, Idaho 83201.** We invite people to take note of her new address and correspond with her there.



SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Loren Flickinger:

Unity of the Palm Beaches, Florida, served by **Hal** and **Lassie Rosencrans**, ministers, recently conducted a seminar with **Dr. Edgar Mitchell**, the former astronaut, and his wife, **Anita**, as leaders. The seminar was a series of "inner space" motion pictures that will continue to be presented during the spring months. Among the films shown were "Inner Space" and "A Scientist Researches Uri Geller." Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell joined Unity of the Palm Beaches last fall. As their avocation, they are prime movers in a new organization called "The Institute of Noetic Sciences" which Dr. Mitchell founded in 1973. Its unique function is to underwrite promising new breakthroughs in mind sciences in their initial stages and advance them to the place that foundations, government agencies and other moneyed groups become interested in furthering the developmental research. Inspired by the recent seminars presented at Unity of the Palm Beaches, Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell are scheduling the spring conference of the Institute to be held at Unity of the Palm Beaches in early March.

Dedication services for **Unity of Augusta, Georgia**, were held Sunday, November 21, 1976, with **Dr. Ernest C. Wilson**, minister emeritus of Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri, as guest speaker. A meditation was led by **Robert Means**, minister of Unity of Atlanta, the sponsoring church, and introductions and the dedication ceremony were performed by **Robert Preston**, minister of the Augusta church. Coinciding with the dedication was another ceremony, one conveying free deed to the church property. **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brega** had purchased the property and passed the title to the church structure, its annex, and a Sunday School building on to the newly incorporated church. The service was followed by a catered luncheon, a showing of the film "Charles Fillmore: American Mystic" and an afternoon of musical entertainment by organ, piano, the Augusta-Aiken
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classical guitar society, and the Augusta college brass ensemble. "The day's events were the fulfillment of long-held dreams for seeing a Unity church in Augusta," said Bob Preston. "This was the culmination of a commitment to ministerial sponsorship by Unity of Atlanta in addition to legal incorporation of the church, the acquisition of church property through the generous gift of a member family, and a cohesive organizational development by the minister and Board of Directors to meet the spiritual and fellowship needs of its membership."



Shown presenting the title to the new church structure of Unity of Augusta are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brega, Dr. Ernest C. Wilson, Robert Preston, minister, and Richard Andrews, Chairman of the Board.

WHO'S WHO IN AUC

Mindy Peery, a member of the General Office Staff of the AUC, serves as secretary to Stan Hampson, Field Services Coordinator. In addition, she is responsible for maintaining, in a very orderly and efficient manner, the filing system and inventory utilized in the



AUC office and shares her talents by serving as a relief operator on the office's telephone system. Although she does devote the majority of her working hours to these various duties, Mindy also performs regular secretarial duties for the other staff members.

A native of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Mindy is a recent high school graduate. Before joining the AUC staff on a full-time basis, she was employed in the AUC's shipping department. An avid sportswoman, Mindy enjoys showing quarter horses and has represented Missouri in the national high school rodeo finals. She is also a member of the Mid-West Barrel Racing Association. In her spare time, Mindy plays volleyball and crochets.

We recognize, appreciate, and give thanks for Mindy and bless her for her willingness and dedication to serve our worldwide ministries through her expressions of service in the AUC office.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Second year ministerial students (left to right): Bob Hungerford, Viola Williamson, Dick Everts, and Carolyne Johanson.

Bob Hungerford is a native of Nebraska and attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and the Black Hills School of Mines in South Dakota where his interests included electrical engineering and mathematics. Following his move to the Kansas City area, Bob became actively involved in the programs and activities of Unity Village Chapel. Prior to entering the ministry, Bob served as a plant manager for an engineering firm and also served as a corrosion engineer. While an SMRS student, he has served as an assistant chaplain at the Jackson County Hospital. Bob is single. His interests include golf, bowling, and reading.

Viola Williamson came to Unity Village from Vancouver, British Columbia where she served in various capacities at Unity Centre of Practical Christianity. Viola is a graduate of Unity's Institute for Continuing Education and holds a license as a practical nurse. Before entering SMRS, Viola served as a medical assistant and receptionist in Canada. While an SMRS student, she served as an assistant chaplain at the Jackson County Hospital. In addition to raising their own four children, Viola and her husband, **George**, have assisted in the care of foster children.

Dick Everts entered SMRS from Syracuse, New York, where he served Unity Church of Truth as Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Eastern Region as Coordinator for the Youth of Unity. A graduate of Clemson University in South Carolina where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in entomology, Dick was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army. As a career officer, he served in various capacities and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. While an SMRS student, Dick conducted weekly Unity classes at the Women's Prison in Lansing. Dick and his wife, **Alice**, have two children.

Carolyn Johanson entered SMRS from the state of Washington. A graduate of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Carolyn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion. She became actively involved in Unity at an early age and attended Unity of Fairfax, Virginia, for a short time. Prior to entering SMRS, Carolyn served as a janitor for Mary Stovin, former minister at Unity Center of Tacoma. While an SMRS student, Carolyn presently serves as Sunday School Superintendent at Unity of Jefferson City, Missouri. Fluent in German, Carolyn enjoys writing, singing, and the arts. She is single.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 12 Youth Education Seminar, Sacramento, Calif., hosted by Unity Church of the Oaks, conducted by Shirley Bonham
- 12-25 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.
- 18-20 Spiritual Retreat, Henry Horton Park, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, sponsored by "The Group", Unity Center of Memphis
- †25-26 Ministers/Board Members meeting, Sacramento, Calif., hosted by Christ Church Unity
- 26- April 8 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.

APRIL

- 9-15 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 11-14 South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Houston, Texas, hosted by Unity of Houston
- 12 Post Graduate Program on "Prosperity," Houston, Texas
- 26- May 1 "Unity Caribblue Retreat," Hotel Inter-Continental, Ocho Rios, West Indies, hosted by Unity of Jamaica

MAY

- †5-7 Northern California Regional Conference, San Jose, Calif., hosted by Christ Church, Unity
- 21-27 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

JUNE

- 4-10 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 12-17 AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 19-23 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 25- July 8 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.

JULY

- †3-9 Twelfth Annual Spiritual Therapy Workshop, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, sponsored by Unity Center of Practical Christianity, New York, N.Y.
- 9-22 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.
- 17-23 Snow Mountain Ranch Retreat, Granby, Colo., hosted by Unity Church of Denver
- 23-29 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.



AUGUST

- 6-12 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 12 Graduation and Ordination Services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Mo.
- 15-17 Southeastern Regional Retreat, The Breakers Resort Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida
- 15-21 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 22-25 Northwest Regional Conference, Great Falls, Montana, hosted by Unity Church of Truth
- 22-26 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 27- Sept. 2 Mid-Season Festival, Unity Village, Mo.

SEPTEMBER

- †9-11 Sierra Retreat, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., sponsored by Unity of Reno, Nevada
- 10-16 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24-30 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †26-28 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Bettendorf, Iowa, hosted by Unity Center

OCTOBER

- 8-14 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †14-16 Northern California Unity Students Annual Retreat, Asilomar, California
- 15-28 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- 16-19 Southeastern Regional Conference, Naples, Florida, hosted by Unity of Naples
- 29- Nov. 11 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.

NOVEMBER

- 19-25 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

DECEMBER

- 21-27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

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